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should ever be called upon to carry out the suggestions made by the majority of the Committee on the English Practice Act, how much assistance could be afforded that Court and how much their labors would be lightened if a carefully selected Committee of the Bar Association could be called in to aid them?

Should not the Virginia Bar Association put forward an effort to bring itself in some way in touch with our General Assembly and the Courts?

NEWS OF THE PROFESSION.

Mr. William Gordon Mathews, of Charleston, West Virginia, has been nominated by acclamation by the Democratic Convention at Wheeling to succeed Judge H. C. McWhorter as Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals. He is held by those who knew him to be peculiarly fitted for the discharge of the onerous and important duties incident to this office, and the action of the convention is indorsed by members of the bar throughout the State.

Mr. Mathews, though a young man, is possessed of those qualities which adorn and dignify the bench. He comes of a family possessed of marked legal ability and scholarly equipment. His father was the late Henry Mason Mathews, formerly Attorney General, and later, Governor of West Virginia, a brother of the late Alexander F. Mathews; the two brothers composed the firm of Mathews & Mathews of Lewisburg, recognized for many years as one of the ablest law firms in the two Virginias; his grandfather was Judge Joseph L. Fry, of Wheeling, a distinguished jurist. Having chosen the legal profession, he attended the Georgetown Law School, and afterwards entered the University of Virginia, graduating with distinction before attaining his majority. For more than ten years, as a member of the firm of Mollohan, McClintic and Mathews, he has actively participated in a very extensive practice in both State and Federal courts.